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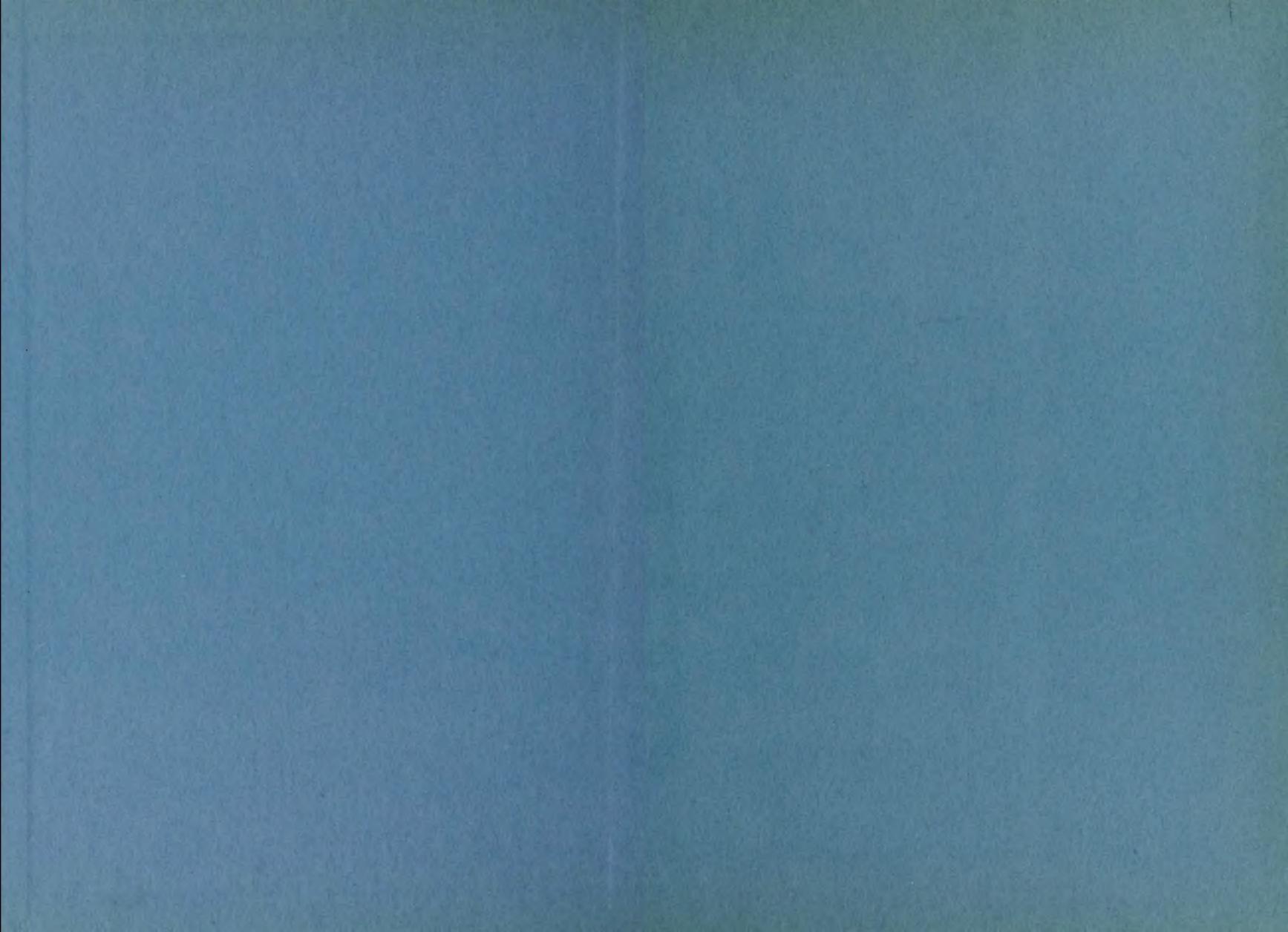
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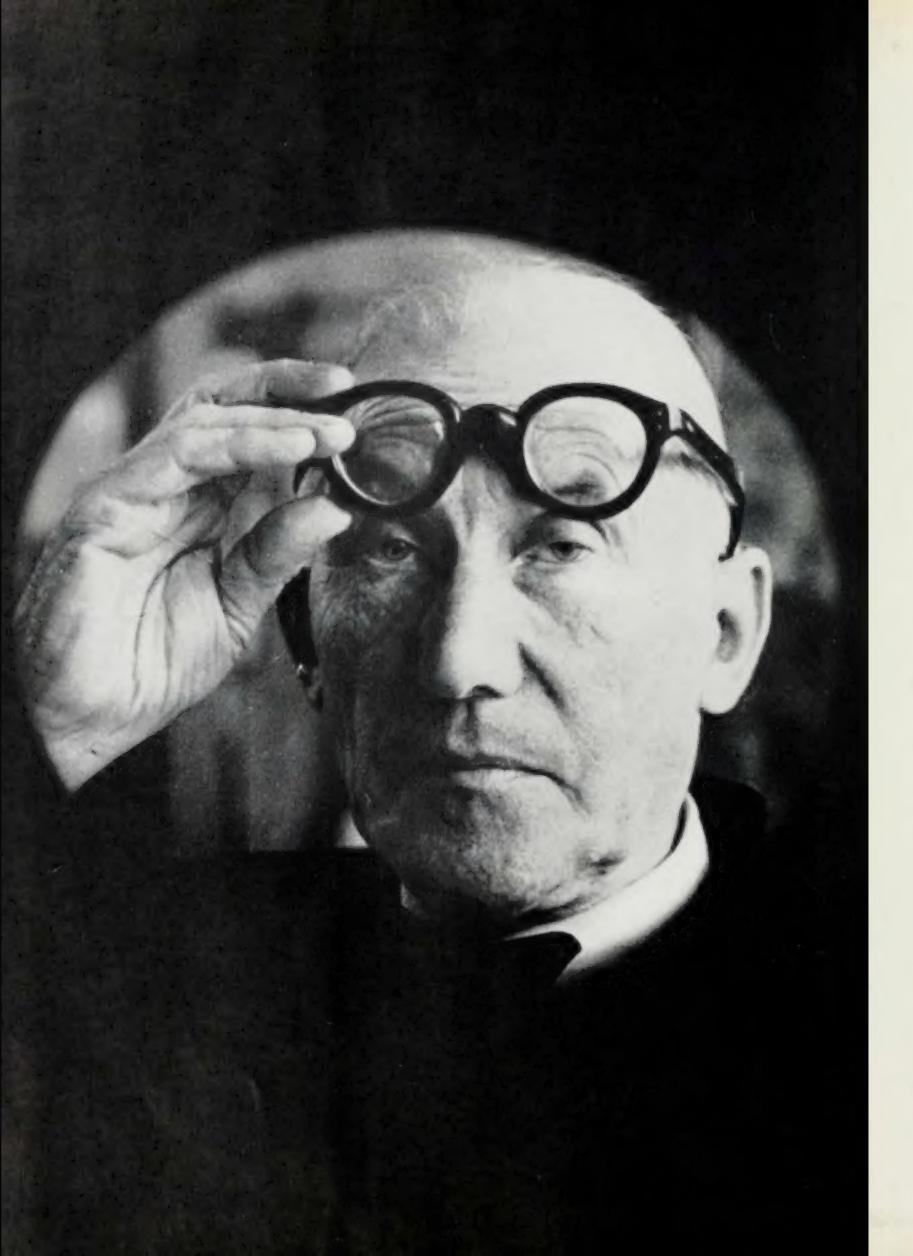
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INTRODUCTION

Le Corbusier always insisted on calling himself a plastic artist first and foremost. Some people saw this as an affectation, a deliberate paradox, but for others it was just one of the many contradictions he cultivated. For we must accept the fact that there are contradictions in this strange genius. At a deeper level than the contradictions, we can sense in Le Corbusier the presence of a series of secrets which build up an equally secret organic structure. There is no question that this great architect was fundamentally a plastic artist, and he proved this when still a young man by his invention – with Ozenfant – of 'purist' painting, a system which reduces everything to the same type of simple shapes as those with which he was to overthrow traditional concepts of architecture. When we turn to his painting we again find the same basic shapes, though here they take different forms and are arranged in different combinations.

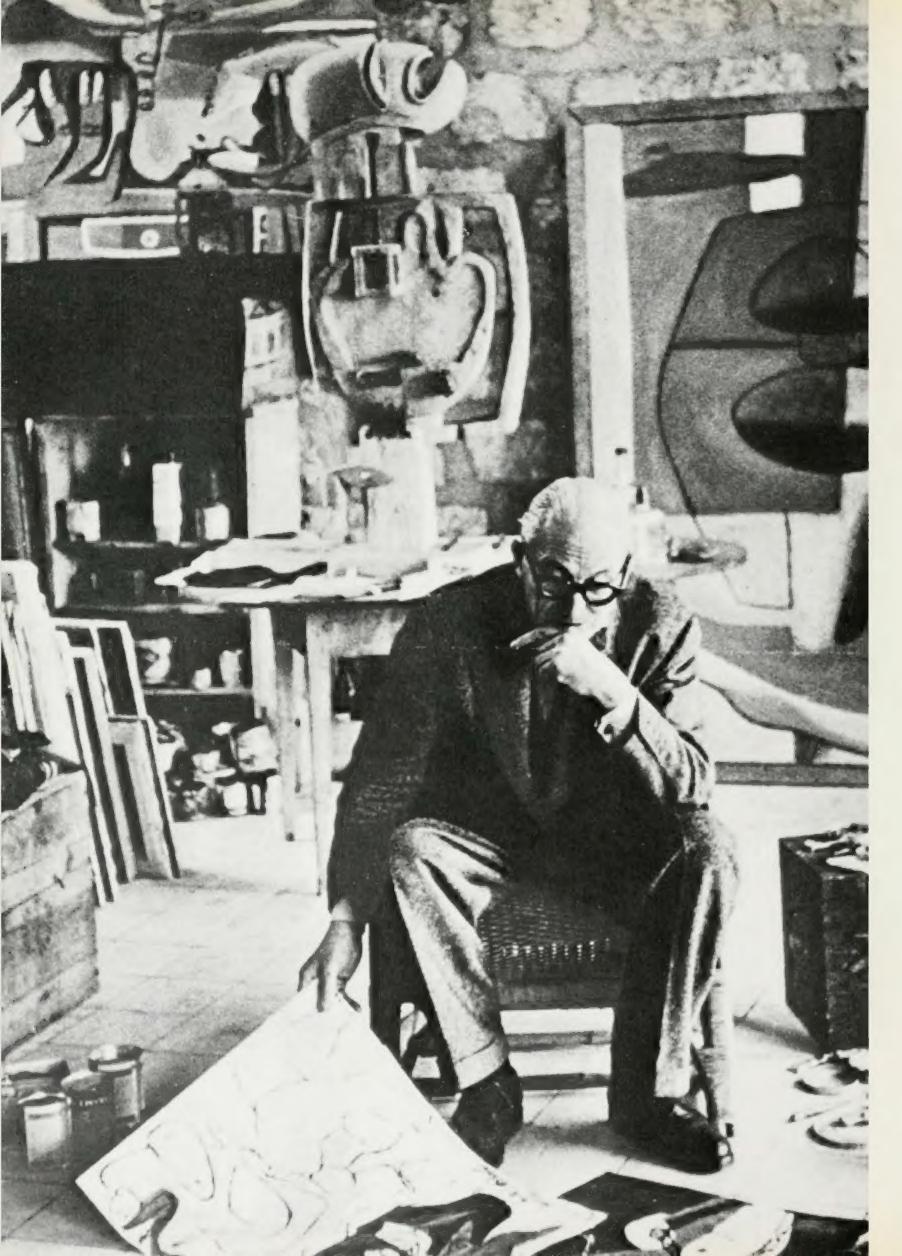
Le Corbusier painted all his life, and it was this which gave him the mental exercise which is so fundamental to his work. Through painting and through drawing – the embryonic stage of painting – 'we learn to watch things come to life'; we learn to watch them 'develop, grow, undergo various metamorphoses, flower, come into full bloom and die'. And he comes to the conclusion that 'every object is essentially biological'. So the mental exercise we have spoken of is really a quest for life, a quest leading outwards from within, a battle which is 'internal and unknown to the outside world'.

If we are to understand Le Corbusier's architecture we must appreciate the strength of this conviction, which is apparent in all his plastic work. The same inner impulse, so full of genuine poetry, is the starting-point of his architecture, and it is this which finds its way outside, evolving into buildings and dwelling-places, towns and social life.

But however great Le Corbusier's architectural *oeurre*, its true greatness cannot be fully explained unless we bear in mind his pre-occupation with plastic art, his vocation as a plastic artist, and the hidden painter's sensitivity which enabled him to seize every opportunity of catching nuances of movement and colour.

JEAN CASSOU Ancien Conservateur en Chef du Musée National d'Art Moderne, Paris

March 1969



Biographical Notes

- Charles-Edouard Jeanneret, called Le Corbusier, born at La-Chauxde-Fonds (Switzerland) on the 6th October 1887 of a family whose trade was that of enamelling fine watch cases.
- 1900 Studied engraving at the local Art College, became very influenced by the painter L'Eplattenier, who turned him towards architecture.
- 1910-11 Went to Germany, spending a few months in the studio of Peter Behrens in Berlin and visited the Deutscher Werkbund Exhibition at Munich.
- 1911 Travelled to the Balkans, Turkey, Asia Minor, Greece and Italy.
- 1917 Went to live in Paris at 20 Rue Jacob where he stayed for 17 years.
- 1918 Started to paint and creates 'Purism' with his friend Ozenfant. First exhibition at the Galerie Thomas. Publication of 'Après le Cubisme'.
- Exhibition at the Druet Gallery, Paris, with Ozenfant, Founded the magazine 'L'Esprit Nouveau' with Ozenfant eventually producing 28 issues between the years 1920 and 1925.
- Exhibited at the Salon des Indépendants in Paris and established an architect's business which he controlled until 1940 with the help of his cousin Pierre Jeanneret.
- 1923 Exhibited at the Léonce Rosenberg Gallery in Paris.
- 1922-24 Designed houses for Ozenfant, La Roche, A. Jeanneret and Lipchitz.
- 1928 Charles-Edouard Jeanneret took the decision to sign his pictures Le Corbusier, the name of one of his grandfathers.
- 1936 Worked with the Ministry of Education and Public Health in Rio de Janeiro, also produced various projects relating to the Musée National d'Art Moderne in Paris.
- 1938 Retrospective exhibition of his paintings 1910-37 at the Kunsthaus in Zurich.
- 1940-49 Investigation into sculpture in relation to architecture.
- 1953 Exhibition at the Musée National d'Art Moderne, Paris.
- 1954 Exhibition at the Kunsthalle, Berne.
- 1957 Exhibition at the Kunsthaus, Zurich.
- 1962-63 Exhibition at the Musée National d'Art Moderne, Paris.
- 1965 Le Corbusier was drowned in a bathing accident in the South of France.

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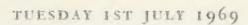
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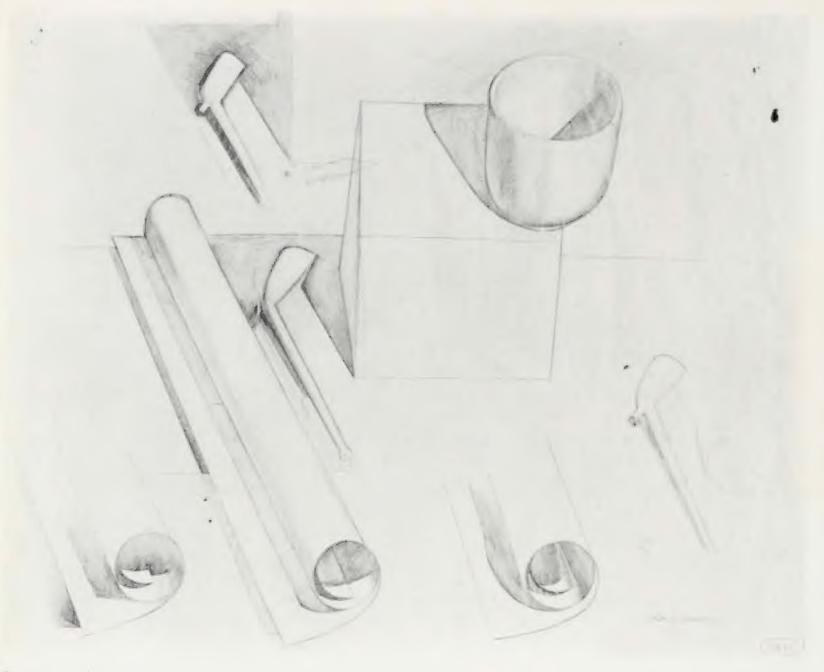
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Unless otherwise stated the medium is oil on canvas.

Le Corbusier up to about the year 1928 signed his work with his own name 'Jeanneret' – it was at this time however that he changed his name to Le Corbusier and began signing his work likewise, though there are a few works signed in this manner of before 1928.



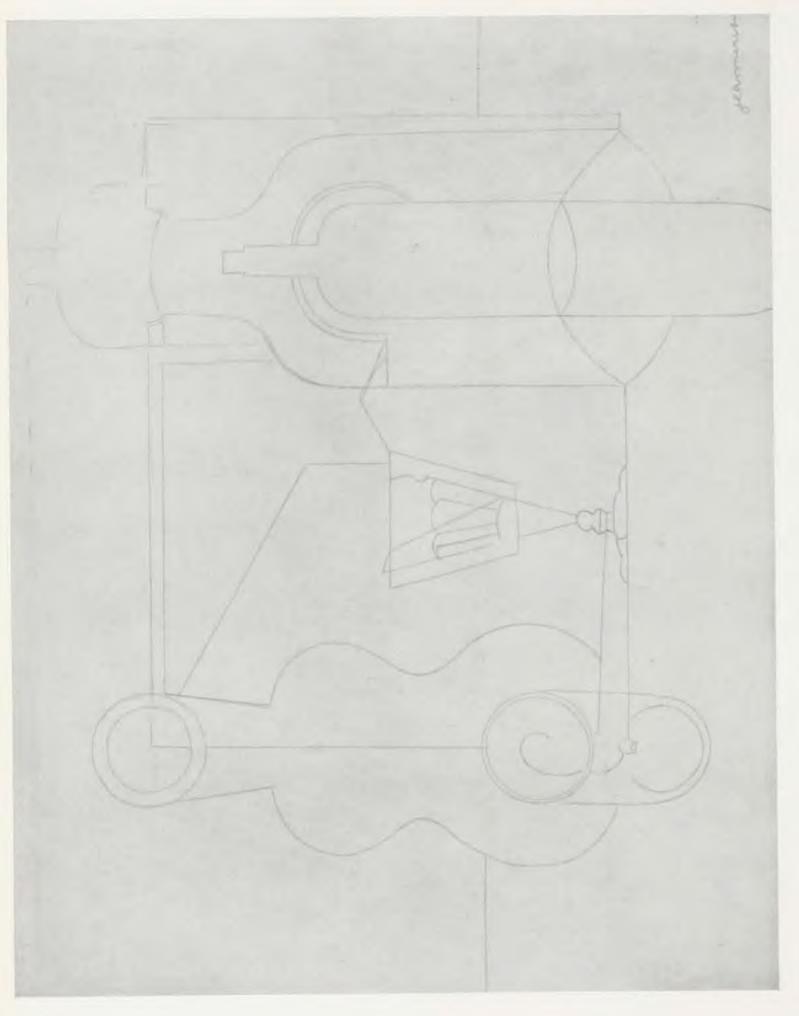


Lot 1

1 BOL, PIPES ET PAPIERS ENROULÉS

pencil, signed and dated Jeanneret 1919 and signed with the initials L-C 17½ in. by 22 in. 44.5 cm by 56 cm

A similar drawing is reproduced in Maurice Jardot, Le Corbusier - Dessins, Editions Monde, Paris 1955, p. 9.



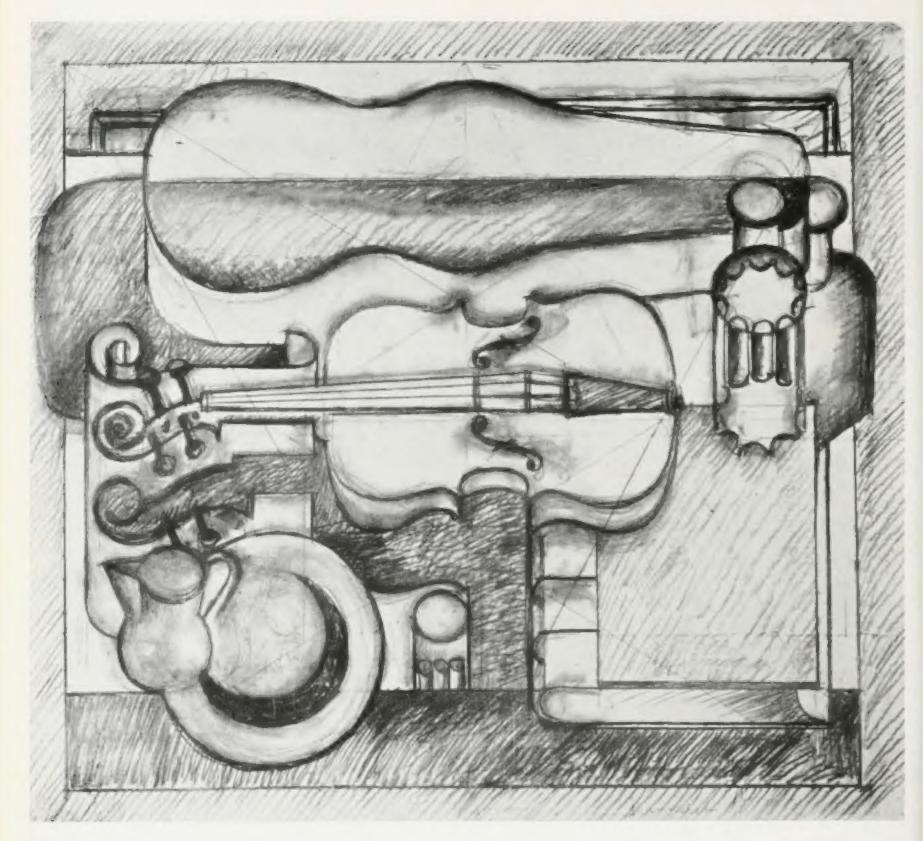
Lot 2

2 VERRES, PIPES ET BOUTEILLES

pencil on tracing paper, signed Jeanneret

23 in. by 28 in. 59 cm by 71 cm

Drawn in 1920. This is a study for the painting in the Raoul La Roche Collection, now in the Kunstmuseum, Basle (See: Kunstmuseum Basle Catalogue, p. 12, centre plate).



Lot 3

3 VIOLON ET BOÎTE À VIOLON

charcoal on tracing paper laid down on board

33⁸ in. by 37⁸ in. 86 cm by 95·5 cm

Drawn in 1920. This is a study for a painting exhibited in Exposition Le Corbusier, Musée National d'Art Moderne, Paris, November 1953-January 1954, plate I.

EXHIBITED: Zurich, Galerie Heidi Weber, Peintures et Dessins de Le Corbusier, December 1962-January 1963, no. 17.

SEE: Maurice Jardot, Le Corbusier - Dessins, Editions Monde, Paris 1955, p. 10 (reproduced).

Aujourd'hui - Art et Architecture, Paris, November 1965, no. 51, p. 102 (reproduced).



Lot 4

4 VIOLON, VERRE ET BOUTEILLES

signed and dated Jeanneret 1925; signed and dated Le Corbusier 1925 on the reverse

39½ in. by 32 in. 100 cm by 81 cm



Lot 5

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5 BOUTEILLES ET VERRES

pastel, crayon and pencil on tracing paper, signed and dated Jeanneret 1926, also signed and dated Le Corbusier 13 11-63

21½ in. by 25½ in. 54.5 cm by 65 cm

This drawing was executed in 1926, but was not signed at that time. In 1963 Le Corbusier recalled that he had made this drawing in 1926 – hence the reason for the two signatures and dates.



Lot 6

6 LE DÉ VIOLET

signed, titled and dated Jeanneret '26, also signed and dated Le Corbusier '26, both on the reverse

231 in. by 281 in. 59 cm by 72 cm

EXHIBITED: Saint Étienne, Musée de Saint Étienne, Exposition de Nature Morte de Géricault à Nos Jours, 1955, no. 92.

Zurich, Galerie Heidi Weber, Peintures et Dessins de Le Corbusier, December 1962-January 1963, no. 18 (entitled Bouteille rose).



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7 TABLE, BOUTEILLE ET LIVRE

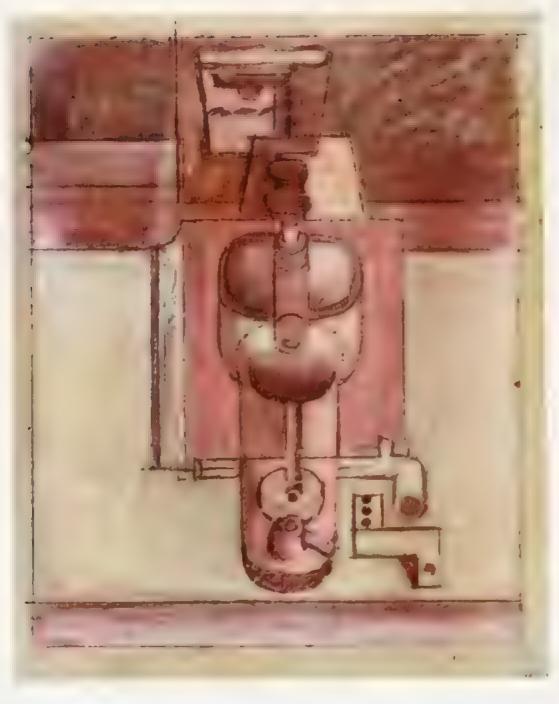
signed and dated Le Corbusier 1926, signed Jeanneret and titled, both on the reverse

39½ in, by 32 in. 100 cm by 81 cm

A similar painting is reproduced in Jean Badovici, Le Corbusier – Chaures Plastiques, Edition Albert Morancé, Paris, n.d., pl. 5; it is also reproduced in the exhibition catalogue Le Corbusier, Musée National D'Art Moderne, Paris 1962-63, p. 48.

A study for this painting is sold as the following lot.



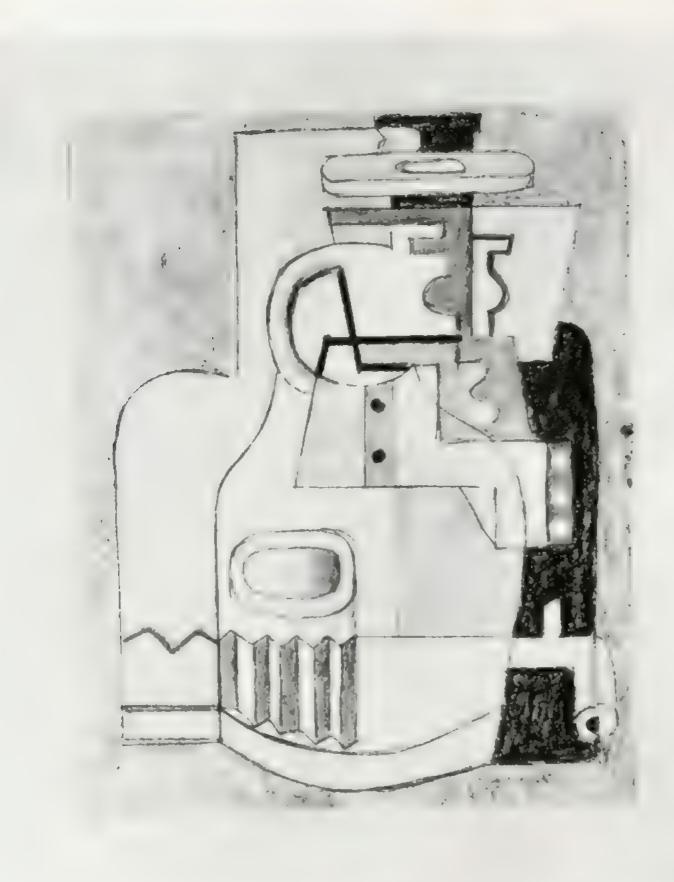


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8 TABLE, BOUTEILLE ET LIVRE

pencil and pastel, signed and dated Jeanneret 1926 (L-C) 174 in. by 134 in. 43.5 cm by 35 cm

This is a study for the previous lot.



Lot 9

9 ACCORDÉON ET CARAFE

coloured crayons on tracing paper laid down on board, signed L-C

17½ in. by 14 in. 44 cm by 35·5 cm

Drawn in 1926.

EXHIBITED: Zurich, Galerie Heidi Weber, Peintures et Dessins de Le Corbusier, December 1962 January 1963, no. 14





Lot ic

10 SIPHONS ET BOCKS

pencil and coloured crayons, signed and dated Le Corbusier '28

103 in, by 81 in. 27 cm by 21 cm

Drawn on the reverse of a sheet of L'Esprit Nouveau writing paper. L'Esprit Nouveau was the magazine founded by Le Corbusier and Ozenfant. The first issue appeared on the 15th October 1920.



11 VERRES ET BOUTEILLES AVEC VERMILLON

signed and dated featmeret 1928 on the reverse, also signed, titled and dated Le Corbusier 1928 on the stretcher

51 in. by 35 in. 130 cm by 88-5 cm



Lot 12

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12 LA PÊCHEUSE D'HUITRES D'ARCACHON

signed and dated L-C '28

161 in. by 13 in. 41 cm by 33 cm

This is one of a number of paintings of this subject which the artist painted while staying at various times in Arcachon. A larger painting of the same subject was exhibited in *Peintures de Le Corbusier*, Galerie Heidi Weber, Zurich, November 1961, no. 7.



Lot 13

13 NATURE MORTE À LA FOURCHETTE

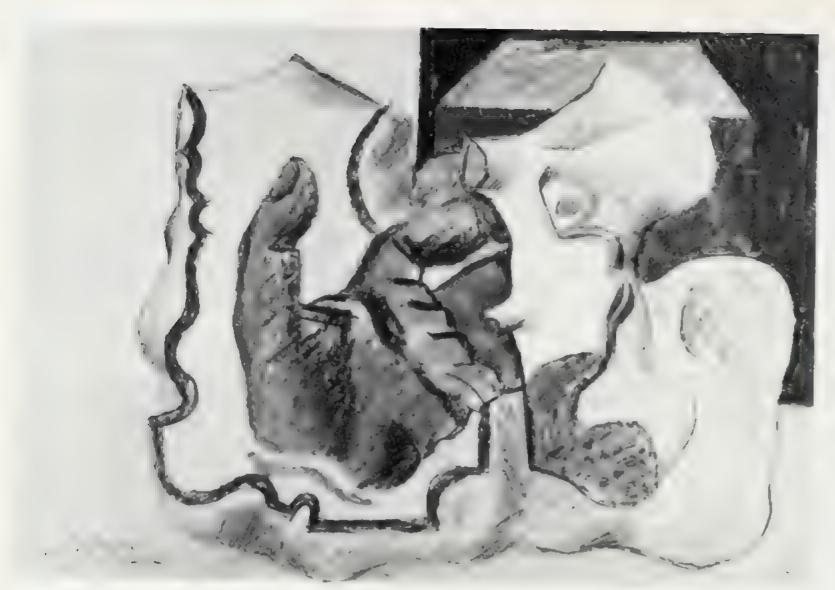
signed and dated Le Corbusier '29; titled and dated on the reverse 57½ in. by 44¾ in. 146 cm by 113.5 cm

On the reverse is a small sketch in oil with inscriptions of mathematic equations.

EXHIBITILD: Paris, Galerie Denise René, Le Corbusier, 1952.

Paris, Musée National d'Art Moderne, Le Corbusier, November 1962. January 1963, no. 162.

SEE: W. Boesiger and H. Girsberger, Le Corbusier 1910 61, Les Editions d'Architecture, Zurich 1967, p. 301 (reproduced



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14 LA MAIN ROUGE

coloured crayons and pencil, signed Le Carbusier 81 in, by 12 in.
21 cm by 30-5 cm

Drawn circa 1930. This is a study for a painting reproduced in Jean Badovici Le Corbusier – Churres Plastiques, Editions Albert Morancé, Paris, n.d., plate 10.



15 LÉA

signed and dated Le Corbusier '31; signed, titled and dated Le Corbusier 19;1 and signed and dated L-C 1931 on the reverse

57½ m. by 45 in. 146 cm by 114 cm

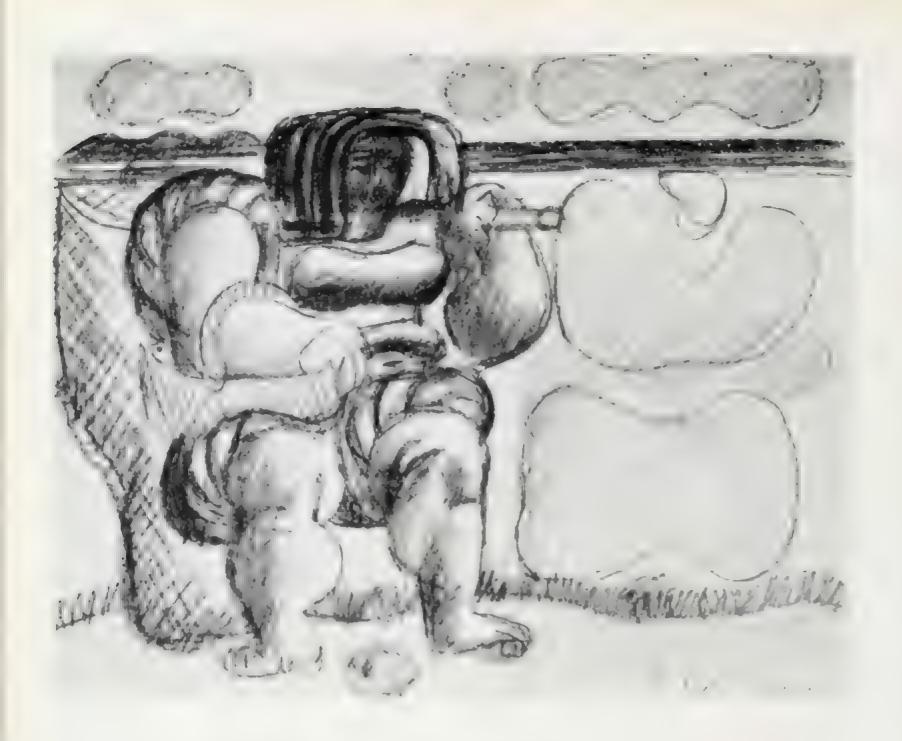
On the reverse is a small sketch in oil

EXHIBITED: Zurich, Galerie Heidi Weber, Peint von Doore, I Con Mot. December 1962 January 1963, no. 15.

SEE: Jean Badovici, Le Corbusier - Churres Play in es, Editions Albert Morancé, Paris, n.d., plate 11.

S. Von Moos, Le Corbusier, Editions Huber, Fraunfeld and Stuttgart 1968, no. 70.

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16 LA PÉCHEUSE D'HUITRES D'ARCACHON

coloured crayons and pencil, signed Le Corbusier

8} in. by 10% in. 21 cm by 27 cm

Drawn in 1932. See note to lot 12.

(See Illustration)



17 LES DEUX FEMMES

coloured crayons and pencil, signed and dated Le Corbusier 342

121 in. by 81 in.



18 PERSPECTIVE ANIMÉE

signed and dated Le Corbusier '32: signed with the mitials and dated 1932, signed again and titled, both on the reverse, also inscribed Urbanisme Alger on the stretcher 35 in. by 57½ in 89 cm by 146 cm

This painting is probably related to an idea conceived in Algiers where he went several times from 1930 to 1942.

EXHIBITI D: Paris, Galerie Roland Balay et Louis Carré, Le Corbuster, 1938, no. 8.

SIE: Jean Badovici, Le Corbusier - Caures P. 1820 A. I. ditions. Albert Morance. Paris, n.d., plate 15 (entitled Le Circula d' politique.

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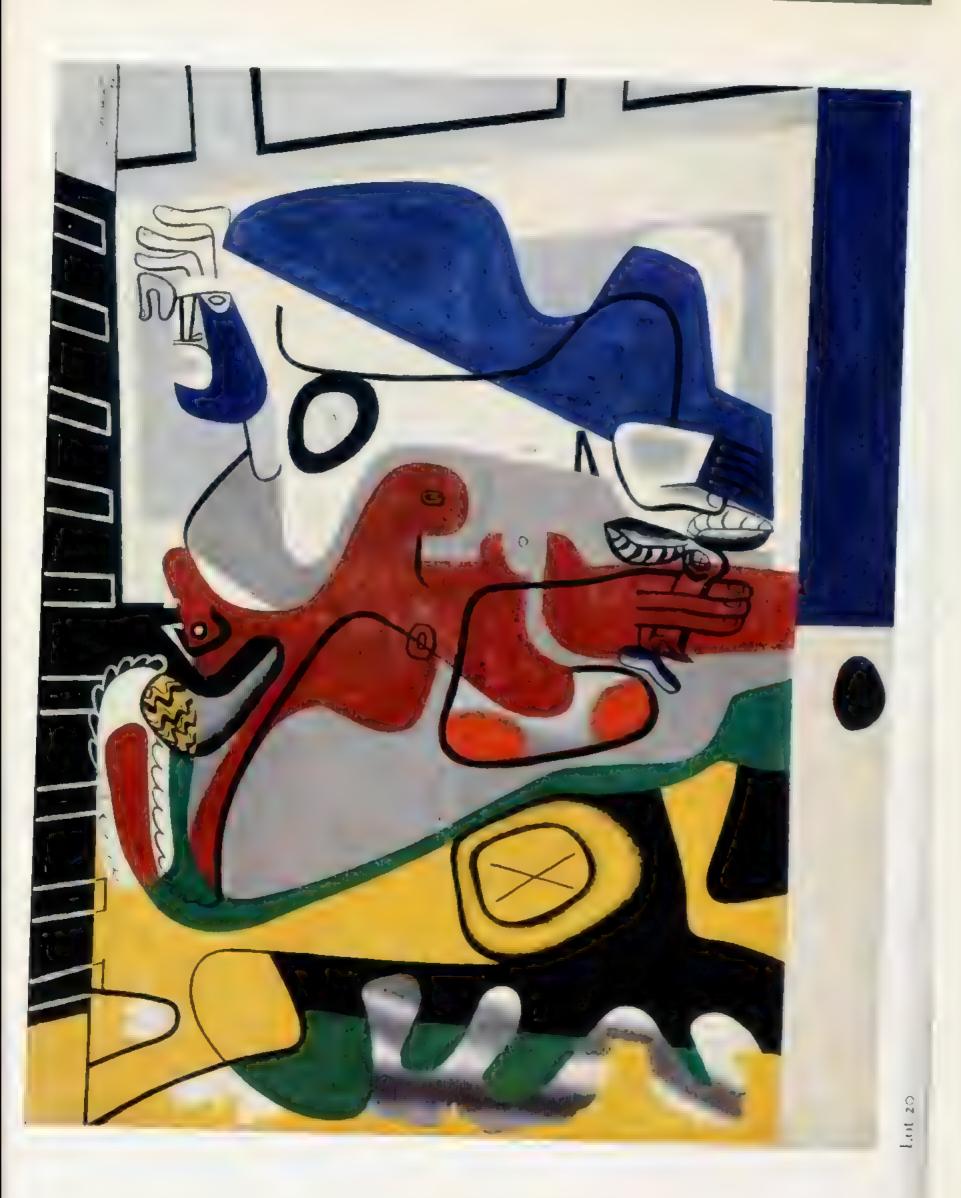
19 LA CHARETTE À BOIS ET LES BAIGNEUSES

signed and dated L-C. '31; signed, titled and dated on the reverse

35 in. by 45\(\frac{3}{2}\) in. 89 cm by 116 cm

EXHIBITED: Paris, Musée National d'Art Moderne, Le Corbusier, November 1962 January 1963, no. 169.

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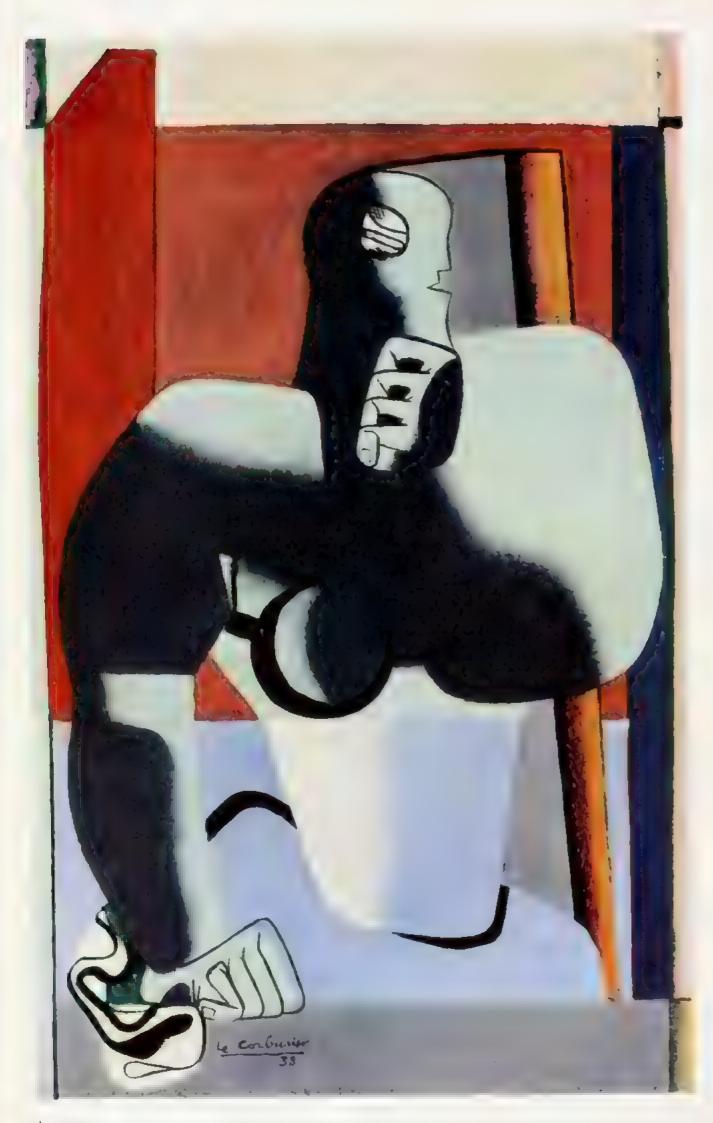
signed and dated Le Corbusier 'ar; signed, titled and dated on the stretcher

51½ in. by 63% in 131 cm by 162 cm

EXHIBITED: Paris, Galerie Roland Balay et Louis Carré, Le Corbusier, 1938, Paris, Musée National d'Art Moderne, Le Corbusier, November 1962-January 1963, no. 173.

SEE: Jean Badovici, Le Corbusier - Œwres Plastiques, Editions Albert Moran Caris, n.d., plate 26

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IXHIBITED: Paris, Galerie Roland Bala et Louis Corre, Le Corre, 1938, no. 15.

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22 LES DEUX SŒURS

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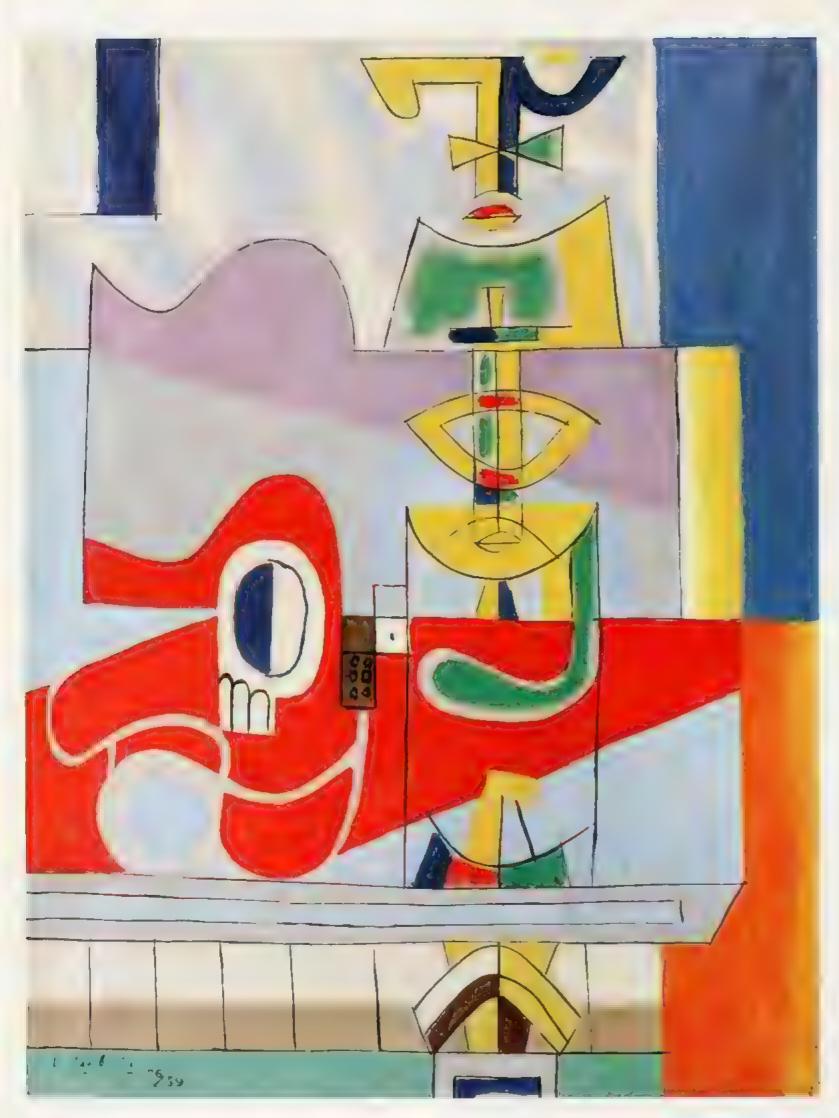


23 ÉTREINTE

signed and dated Le Corbusier '38; signed, titled and dated on the stretcher

63½ in. by 51¼ in. 162 cm by 130 cm

EXHIBITED: Zurich, Kunsthaus, Le Corbusier, June August 1957, no. 23. Paris, Musée National d'Art Moderne, Le Corbusier, November 1962 – January 1963, no. 174.



Lot 24

24 TOTEM

Signed and dated Le Corbusier 26 39; signed, titled and dated Le Corbusier 26 39 on the reverse.

51\frac{1}{4} in. by 38\frac{1}{2} in.
130 cm by 97 cm

EXHIBITED: Berne, Kunsthalle, Le Corbusier, July-September, 1954, no. 11. Paris, Musée National d'Art Moderne, Le Corbusier, November 1962-January 1963, no. 177.

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25 MAINS CROISÉES SUR LA TÊTE

signed and dated Le Corbusier '28-39; titled on the stretcher and dated 19 mars 1939 repris 12 mai 194 on the reverse

39½ in. by 32 in. 100 cm by 81 cm

This painting is probably related to an idea conceived in 1928, though, as it was often his habit, he started it in 1939 and finished it in 1940.

EXHIBITED: Zurich, Galerie Heidi Weber, Peintures et Dessins de Le Corbusier, December 1962-January 1963, no. 16.

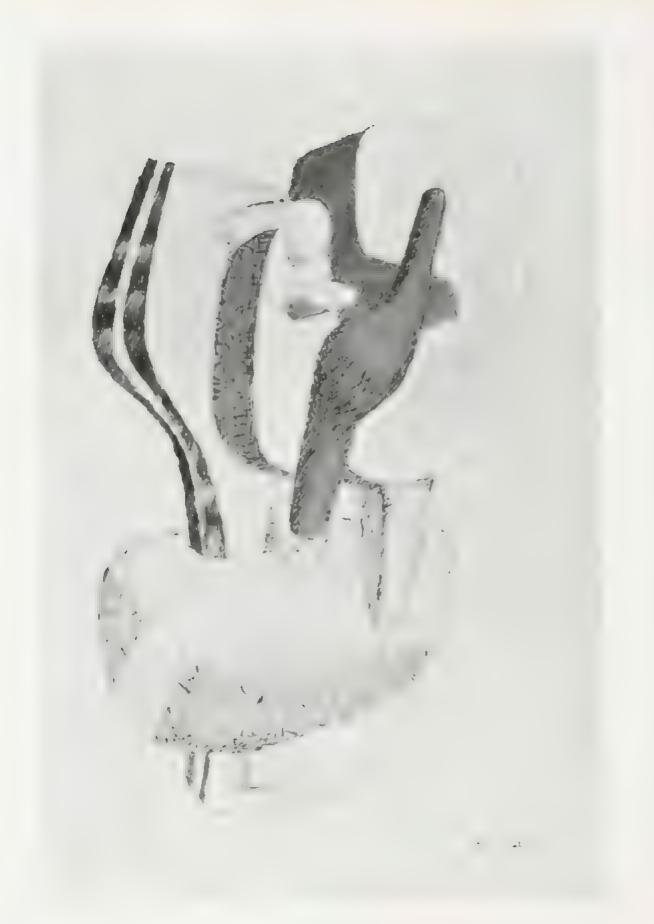


Lot 26

26 ETUDE DE SCULPTURE

watercolour, pen and indian ink on paper table cloth, signed, inscribed and dated Le Corbusier, Ozon par Tourna, 1940

19½ m. by 15½ m 49·5 cm by 39·5 cm



Lot 27

27 ETUDE DE TAPISSERIE

watercolour, pen and indian ink, signed, inscribed and dated Le Corbusier Ozon octobre 1940 and Bon pour tapisserie 17 juillet '64; signed on the reverse

193 in. by 13 in. 30 cm by 33 cm

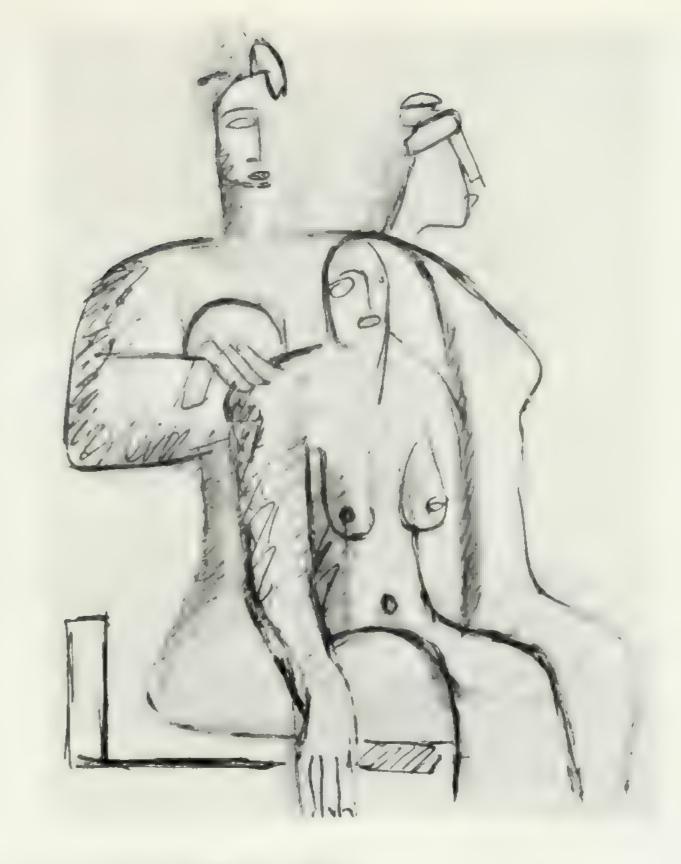


28 CARNAVAL

watercolour and collage, pen, brush and indian ink, signed and dated Le Corbusier - Ozon 40

8 in. by 10½ in. 2=5 cm by 26.5 cm

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29 LES TROIS FEMMES ASSISES

charcoal, coloured crayons and wash, signed and dated Le Corbusier 40-46

24] in. by 19 in. 63 cm by 48 cm

See note to lot 25.



30 NATURE MORTE À L'ÉCHARPE ROUGE

signed and dated Le Corbusier '40; signed, titled and dated Le Corbusier 1940 on the reverse

38½ in. by 51¼ in. 97 cm by 130 cm

EXHIBITED: Zurich, Kunsthaus, Le Corbusier, June-August 1957, no. 25.
Zurich, Galerie Heidi Weber, Peintures Grands Formats, March April 1964, no. 1.

Zurich, Centre Le Corbusier-Heidi Weber, Peintures - Le Corbusier, Februar May 1968, plate 17.



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31 L'ALLÉGRESSE

collage and brush and indian ink on brown paper laid down on board, signed and dated L-C Dec. '50

20 in. by 25% in. 51 cm by 65.5 cm



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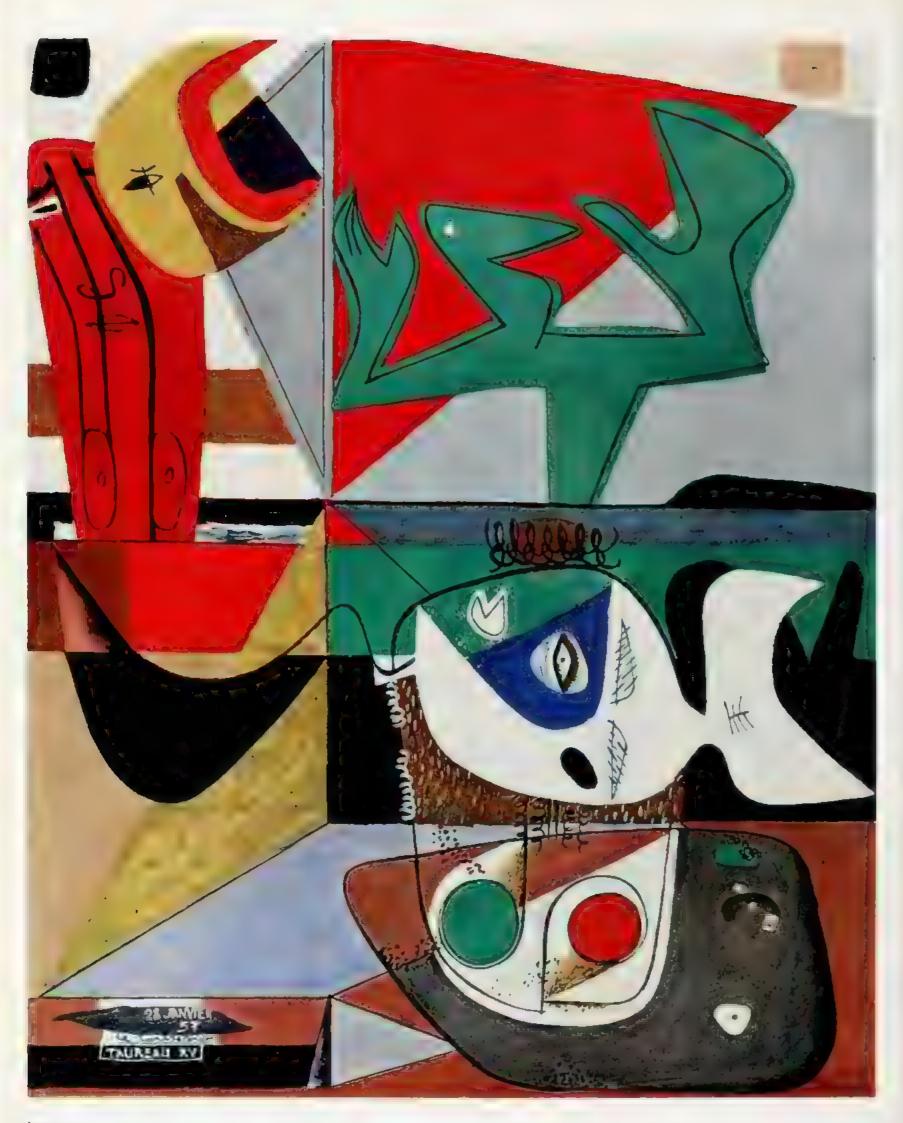
polychrome and natural wood sculpture

height 36½ in 92-5 cm

Executed in June 1957

Note: Joseph Savina, who was a Breton wood worker and a sculptor as well as a friend of Le Corbusier, worked closely with him on this and all the sculptures he executed.

Exhibited: Paris, Musée National d'Art Moderne, Le Corbisier, November 1962 - January 1963, p.64 (illustrated)



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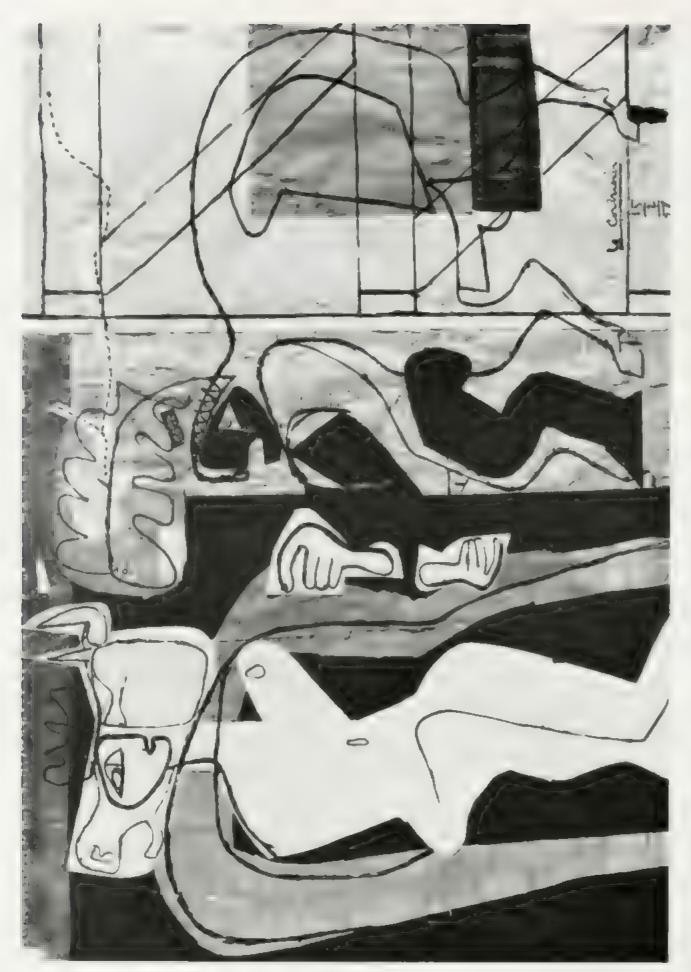
33 TAUREAU XV

621 m. hv 5 , m 1613 cm by 129 cm

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Zurich, Centre Le Corbusier Heidi Weber, Peintures - Le Corbusier, February-May 1968, plate 15

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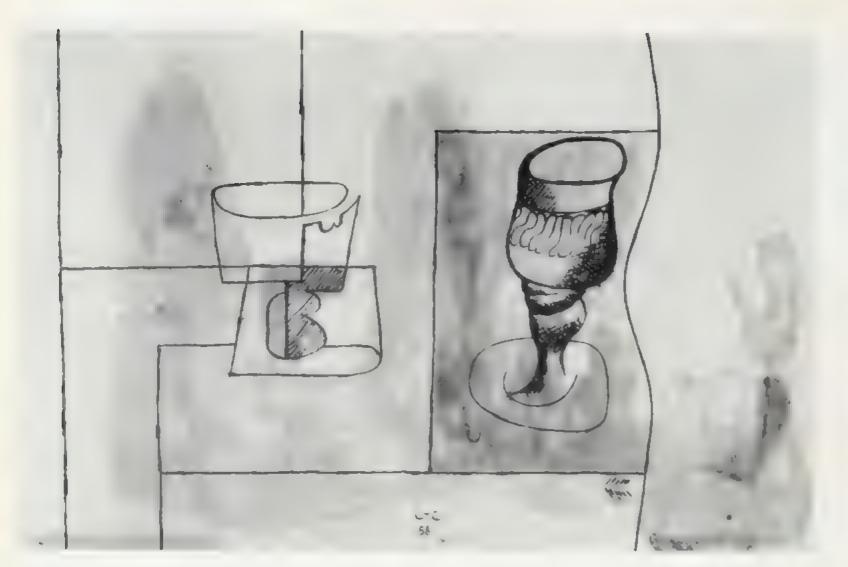


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34 LES AMAZONES

collage and brush and indian ink, signed and dated Le Cort. ster 15 12'58

27, m. by 4 m. 69 cm by 1 1 s cu



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35 IVRESSE

brush and indian ink and watercolour on paper laid down on board, signed with the initials L-C'18

24² in. by 38½ in. 62·5 cm by 98 cm

This drawing is executed on a section of a paper table-cloth. This was very often the habit of Le Corbusier when on holiday at Cap Martin, the restaurant he frequently used was L'Étoile de Mer.

EXHIBITED: Zurich, Galerie Heidi Weber, Peintures et Dessins de Le Corbusier, December 1962-January 1963, no. 4.



36 LE RENARD

brush and indian ink and watercolour on paper laid down on board; signed, inscribed and dated L-C 36 Rio- 18 C.M., and numbered C.3

24³ in. by 38½ in. 62·5 cm by 98 cm

Drawn in Cap Martin on a paper table-cloth. This drawing executed in 1958 is based on an idea conceived in Rio de Janeiro in 1936.

See note to lot 35.

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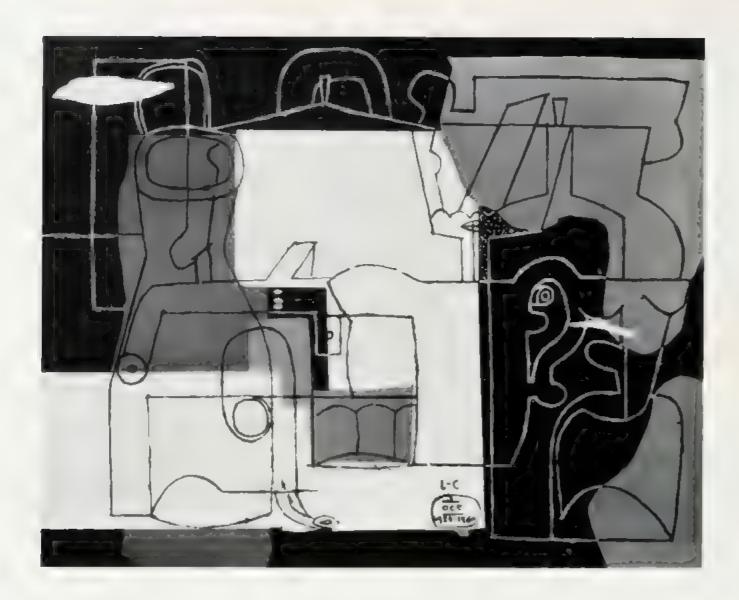


37 DEUX FEMMES

brush and indian ink and white gouache, signed and dated L-C. 38 19

17 in. by 13½ in. 43 cm by 34 cm

See note to lot 25.



38 BOUTEILLES

lithograph printed in colour, signed and dated L-C Oct. 1923-1960 in the stone, signed by the artist in pencil and numbered 40/75, with margins

27 in. by 34½ in. 68·5 cm by 87·5 cm

See note to lot 25.

SEE: Chures Lithographiques - Le Corbusier, Edition Centre Le Corbusier Heidi Weber, Zurich, n.d., plate 5.

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39 LA FEMME EN ROSE

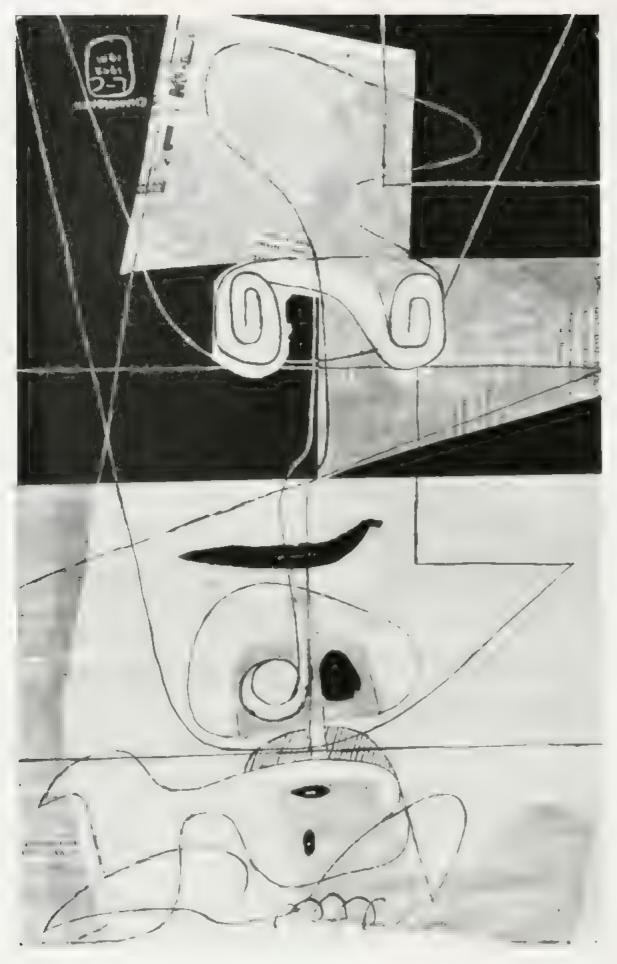
lithograph printed in colour, signed and dated L-C '32 6 6-61, and inscribed Pasiphaé-, Iriane in the stone, signed by the artist in pencil and numbered 47,75, with margins

27 in. by 38\frac{1}{4} in 68-5 cm by 98-5 cm

SEE: Aurres Lathographiques Le Corbusier, Edition Centre le Corbusier Heidi Weber, Zurich, n.d., plate 7

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Lot 4

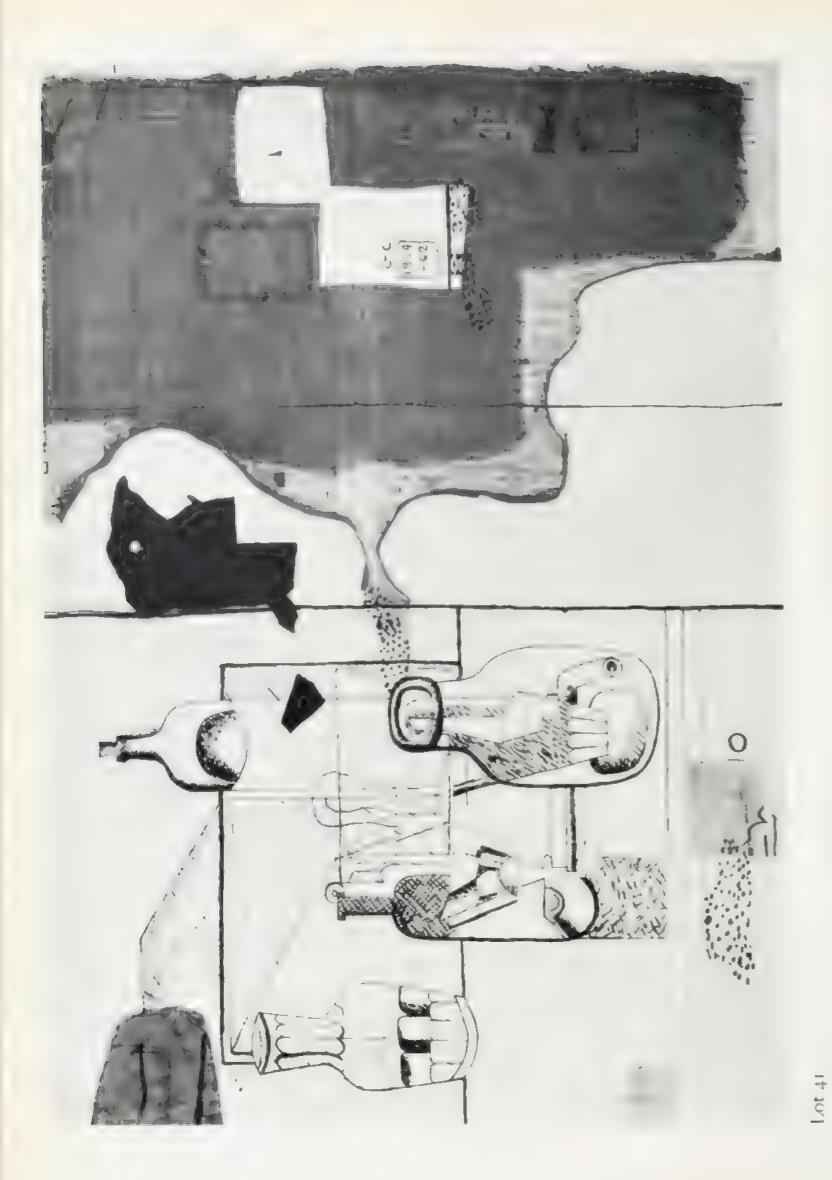
40 TAUREAU

collage and gouache and brush and indian ink, signed and dated L-C 1012 1061 and inscribed Chandivari

11{ m. by 27{ m.

This collage was executed in 1961, based on an idea conceived in Chandrath in 1952.

(See Illustra'.



41 VAPEURS

collage and gouache and brush and indian ink, signed and dated L-C 1924-62 29% in. by 434 in. 74.5 cm by 109.5 cm

See note to lot 25.



42 ARBALÈTE

penture à Pémail on metal, signed and dated L-C 21 5 61 243 in. by 34 in. 62.5 cm by 86.5 cm

EXHIBITED: Zurich, Galerie Heidi Weber, Peintures - Le Corbusier, November 1961, no. 4.

(See Illustration)



43 FEMME COUCHÉE

peinture à l'émail on metal, signed, inscribed and dated L-C, Luynes, Pentecôte '61

24% in. by 34 in. 62.5 cm by 86.5 cm

EXHIBITED: Zurich, Galerie Heidt Weber, Peintures - Le Corbusier, November 1961, no. 2.

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Lot 44

44 VICTOIRE — DEUXIÈME VERSION

mahogany wood sculpture, lightly painted

height 33 fin. 86 cm

Executed in 1962.

The drawings for this sculpture and the Victoire series of which it is a part were executed in Ozon in 1940. The series were conceived as a set of five of which this is the second.

See also note to lot 32.

EXHIBITED: Zurich, Galerie Heidi Weber, Le Corbusier - Formes - Couleurs - L'olumes, May 1964, no. 3.



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45 LA MER-PREMIÈRE VERSION

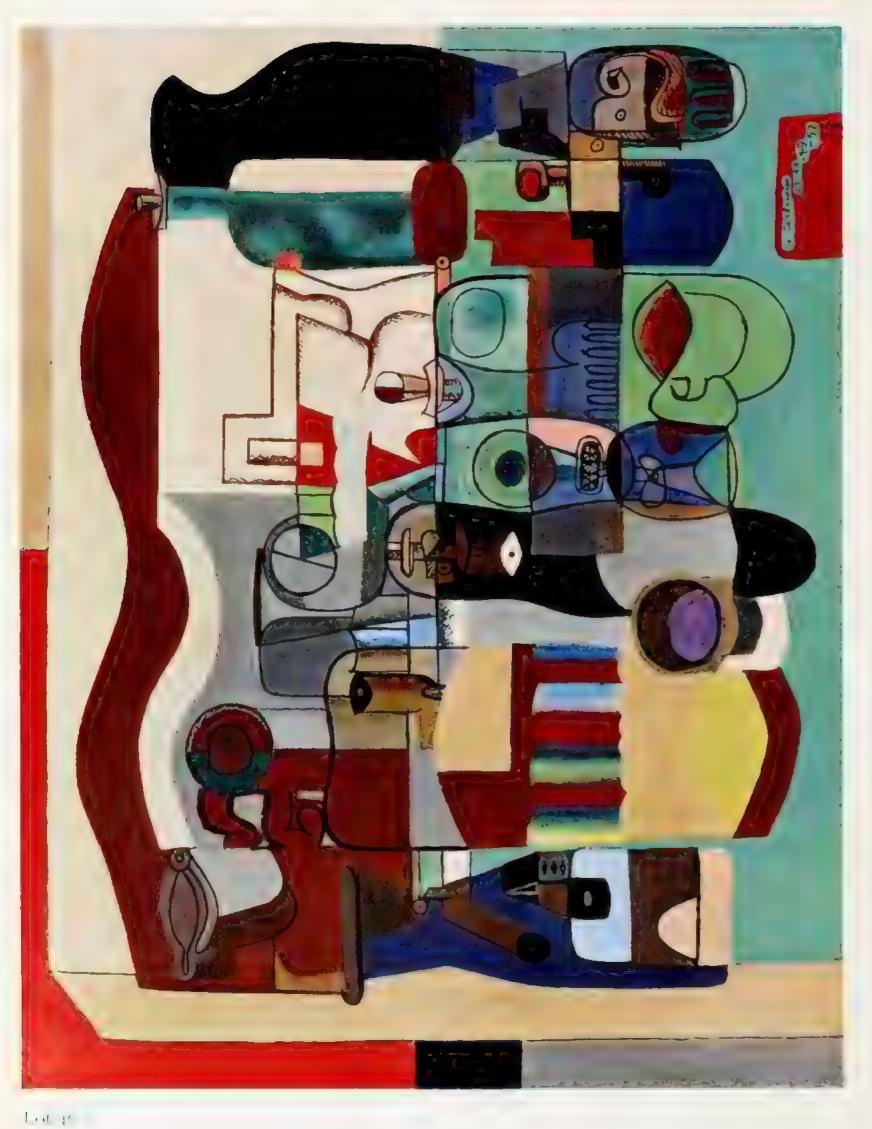
polychrome and natural wood sculpture

height 36% in. 93-5 cm

Executed in August 1963.

See note to lot 42.

EXHIBITED: Zurich, Galerie Heidi Weber, Le Corbusier - Formes - Couleurs Volumes, May 1964, no. 6.



46 NATURE MORTE AUX NOMBREUX OBJETS

signed and dated Le Corbusier 23-44-49-52-53-53 $44\frac{3}{4}$ in, by $57\frac{1}{2}$ in, 113.5 cm by 146 cm

This canvas was originally painted in 1923, however, he subsequently reworked it and dated each new effort

EXHIBITED: Paris, Musée National d'Art Moderne, Le Corbusier, November 1962-January 1963, no. 182 Zurich, Centre Le Corbusier Heidi Weber, Peintures - Le Corbusier, Febru ary-May 1968, plate 12



47 AUTREMENT QUE SUR TERRE

engraving, signed and dated L-C Nov. 63 in the plate, signed by the artist in pencil and numbered 19 7, with margins

19½ in. by 25½ in. 49·5 cm by 65 cm

(See Illustration)



48 LE TAUREAU

engraving, signed and dated Le Corbusier 54 59
28 février 1965 in the plate, signed by the artist in pencil
and numbered 32 75, with margins

25 l in. by 19 m. 64 cm by 48·5 cm





49 CHEVAUCHÉ

coloured crayon and wash, brush and indian and blue ink, signed and dated L-C. 24 3 64

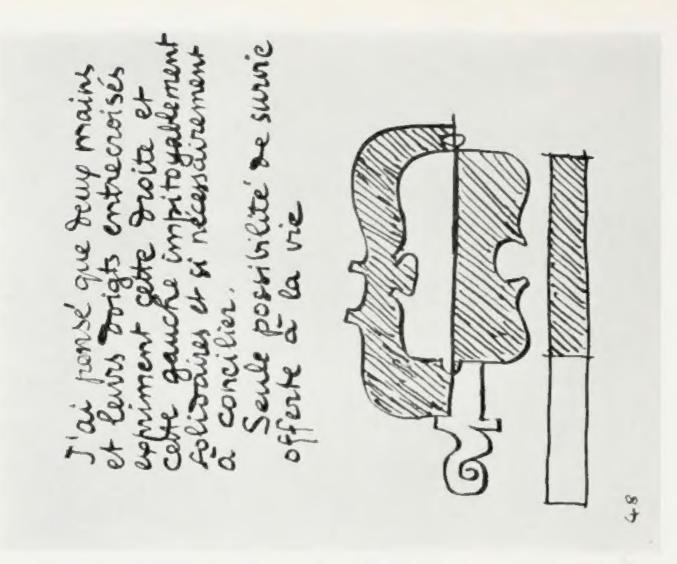
19 in. by 24¼ in. 48·5 cm by 61·5 cm

50 LE POÈME DE L'ANGLE DROIT

Printed by Mourlot Frères, and published in 1955 by Editions Verves, 4 rue Ferou, Paris, comprising the title page, the text, the twenty lithographs printed in colours and seventy in black and white, from an edition of 250 printed on Velin d'Arches. This edition is numbered 81, is signed by the artist and is contained in a contemporary folder, size 16½ in. by 12½ in. (42 cm by 32 cm)

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